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The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 10-18 and for finding that Claims 2-9 include allowable subject matter. Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 5-9, amended claims 1, 3, and 4, and added claims 19-23. Thus, claims 1, 3, 4, and 10-23 are
5 pending in the application and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Request For Allowance Of Claims 1, 3, and 4:

10 In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-9 contained patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have cancelled Claim 2 and have incorporated the limitations thereof into amended Claim 1. In view of the amendments to claims 1, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, as well as Claims 3-4, which now depend from amended
15 Claim 1, are in condition for allowance and requests allowance of claims thereof.

Discussion Of New Claims 19-23:

The limitations of Claim 5 have been rewritten as new Claim 19 to include the limitations of the base claim 1. The limitations of Claim 8 have been rewritten as new Claim 22 to include
20 the limitations of the base claim 1. In view of the foregoing remarks regarding the other claims, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 19 and 22 are patentable. Applicant thus respectfully requests allowance of claims 19 and 22. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of new Claims 20-21, which depend from new Claim 19 and of new Claim 23, which depends from new Claim 22.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the objections and rejections in the application and to place the claims in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, or if any undeveloped issues or questions remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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